(1) One DC-8-63F aircraft for a period of 2-1- years.

(2) One DC-8-73F aircraft for a period of two years with the option to extend the cor.tract for a further period of otie yeur on the same terms and conditions. The agreement for the OC.-8-73F had a provision for the possible substitution of the same with a Boeing 747 Freigliler. Accordingly, the Boeing 747 Freighter aircraft has been substituted in place of the DC-8-73F aircraft with effect from April 6,' 1986.

Air India has also been leasing lL-76 capacity from Aeroflot for its freighter operations since April 1982.

As regards the replacement of Boeing 747 Kanlshka aircraft which was lost in an accident in June 1985, the Air India Board has recently, approved the invest ment proposal for acquisition of a Boeing 747 SP aircraft. As no aircraft of this category, out of the offers received, has yet been selected, the question of execut ing a purchase agreement for this purpose, has not arisen,

(c) and (d) It was not necessary for the Management to obtain the approval of the Board of Directors of Air India for the matter relating to the finalisation of the agreement for wet leasing of the freighter aircraft, as this was withlii the competence of the Management, The approval of the Government was, however, obtained by the Management before cxe-ci^ting the agreement.

(e) The earlier contract for the wei lease of freighter aircraft which was finalised with National Airlines expired in March, *\9%5*. This arrangement with National Airlines was. however, extended for a further period of three months and as such, there was no losj of revenue, on this account.

Famine of X-ray films in NDMC hospitals

1267. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Tim£s' of 22nd April, 1986 with the caption 'NDMC koi^jtate facing famine of X-ray films';

(b) if so, what are '^ deitails i« *is regard;

(c) what are the reasons for the sfaortage of X-ray films in NDMC hospitals;

(d) the approximate number of ,i<itient-daliy affected by this shortage-,

(e) the name of the film which supplies X-ray films to NDMC hoipitals; and

(0 vvhat are the reiisons for not &uppl\ ing the X-ray films to the NDMC lio pitals and what action ' has been taken against the persons responsible for the lapse?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Government is aware of the news iteia.

Po) to (d) NDMC have informed that 'there was no shortage of X-ray films in the NDMC Hospital.

(e) 1. Hindustan Photo Films Manufac turing Co. Ltd.

2. Agfa-Gevaret India Ltd.

(f) Does not arise in view of answer to *(h),* (c) arid (d) above.

Quantum of monetary incentive for iijteriK-sation in Ctiandigart

1268. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of monetary in centive awarded to a person undergoing sterilisation;

(b) wheiber it is a fact that receaitly this amount has been substantialy reduc ed in Union Territory of Chandigarb;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor, and

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is ;, decline in the number of people opting for sterilisation?